
COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP



The Morning Service

The Third Sunday in Advent

The Lord's Day — December 14, 2003

Preparation For Worship: Malachi 4:1-6

*Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Lord Calls Us Into His Presence

Silent Prayer & Preparation

Call to Worship: *Malachi 4:1-3*

Pastor Chris Smith

†Hymn #330 "Christ, whose glory" *Trinity Hymnal* (Tune of #154)

†Salutation & Responsive Scriptures

†Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Congregation: **Amen!**

The LORD be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

Behold the days are coming, declares Yahweh,

When I fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel!

I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David,

And he shall execute justice and righteousness! *Jeremiah 33:14*

The Lord Cleanses Us in Christ

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Faithful God, our heavenly Father, your promises stand unshaken through all generations; renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert, watching for the glorious coming of Jesus Christ, our Judge and Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

†Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness:

Almighty God, you sent your Son into the world to deliver your captive people; Surely you have done great things for us; Yet we continue to ignore what you have done, turn our backs on what you are doing, and forget about what you will do; Forgive us of our sinful apathy; Grant to

us the assurance of salvation; Cause your Holy Spirit to work in us genuine repentance and wholehearted obedience.

. . . [*Silent, personal confession of sin*]. . .

We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

†Pastor: Now lift up your heads and hear the good news . . . !

The Lord Consecrates Us By His Word

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so.

†It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place, in heaven and on earth, who forever sing to the glory of your name . . .

†Hymn #281 "For all the saints who from their labors rest" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *Malachi 3:1-5*

Pastor Chris Smith

The New Testament Reading: *Acts 11:19 – 12:5*

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 11:1-19*

†The Nicene Creed

(see insert)

SERMON: **THE TRUE MESSIAH AND HIS DEEDS**

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

XXIX. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

†Hymn #239 (*Psalms 50:1-6*) "The mighty God, the Lord" (Tune of #125)

The Lord Receives Our Gifts

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Zion hears the watchmen's voices"

(see insert)

†Prayer of Dedication & the Lord's Prayer

†The *Gloria Patri*

The Lord Communes With Us at His Table

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

Pastor Chris Smith

The Words of Institution

The Distribution of the Bread and Wine

†Hymn #119 "O Lord, how shall I meet thee" *Trinity Hymnal* & see insert

Pastoral Benediction

†The Song of Simeon (*Nunc Dimittis*): *Luke 2:30-32*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the

*When the prelude begins, please be seated and silently prepare for worship

†Congregation stands

glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregation: **And his mercy endures forever!**

Pastor: Stir up your power, we pray, O Lord, and come; that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins, and saved by your mighty deliverance; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

The Lord Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

†Closing Hymn: #123 "The people that in darkness sat" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen, Postlude & Greet One Another!

Royal blue, the color for **ADVENT**, symbolizes for us the promised coming of our Lord & King Jesus Christ. The traditional initials **IHS** on the pulpit scarf are short for IHSOUS, the Greek name "Jesus." The **CROWN** should remind us that when the God-man Jesus Christ returns it will be manifest to all people that he has been crowned King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

WELCOME to Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, especially those who are visiting with us for the first time today. Please fill out the visitor's registration before the service begins. Join us again this evening at 6 PM for our evening service of praise, prayer, and teaching.

The Evening Service

Our Evening Sacrifice of Prayer and Praise

December 14, 2003 — 6:00 P.M.



Meditate on *Genesis 1:14-19*

Prelude

Mr. Bill Hoover

Scripture Meditation: *Genesis 1:14-19*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Psalm 19 (sts. 1-2) "The spacious heavens laud" *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Hymn Sing & Prayer Requests

†Psalm 19 (sts. 3-6) "The law of God is whole" *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Scripture Reading: *1 Timothy 3:14-16*

Sermon: **A DEFENSE OF CHRISTMAS, PART III**

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†*The Magnificat* "My soul doth magnify the Lord" (see handout)

†Benediction & Postlude